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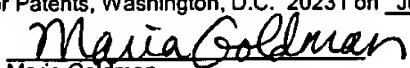
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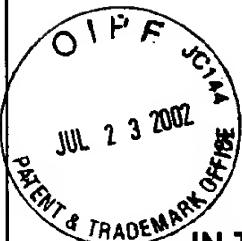
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2002, applicants respectfully submit this amendment and response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in order to request reconsideration of the final rejection and to place the claims in better condition for allowance. Accordingly, please amend the subject patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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